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BILINGUAL SPANISH SPEAKING ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2022 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking registered voters with Spanish language skills to serve as bilingual election workers during Early Voting (Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3, 2022) and at polling places for the Gubernatorial General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak Amharic, Chinese, Farsi, French, Korean, Vietnamese, and other languages are needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speaker be available at the polling places. Depending on the number of days served and position, volunteers can earn up to \$1,830 stipend. For position and stipend information, visit 777vote.org, and select Election Workers, then Position Description/Stipend.

Students 16 years old or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election poll workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State. Students serving as election workers may choose to earn up to 65 Student Service Learning (SSL) credits in lieu of the \$650 stipend.

To serve in this paid volunteer position all election poll workers must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland, able to speak, read, and write the English language, and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election workers. This includes an online quiz, and in-person classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working during Early Voting and/or Election Day. We offer several different positions, all-day and part day, as advertised at www.777vote.org.

To apply, text SERVE to 77788 or online at www.777vote.org and select Election Workers, then Getting Started. For poll worker information, visit www.777vote.org and select the Election Workers' link, call 240-777-8533, or email <u>election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>.

For election related information, call the 240-777-8500, visit www.777vote.org, the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at https://elections.maryland.gov, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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